

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 8, 18-21, and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, and 22-24, and 26 and please add Claims 27- 30 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing images on a ~~a~~ an image management device comprising at least one connector ~~means~~ for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information ~~selecting~~ identifying images on the memory space in a first category, ~~non-selected~~ images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category, the method comprising ~~a prior step of:~~

~~=configuring~~ configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to the management of the images in the second category, and saving the image management file ~~being saved~~ in a memory space belonging to the image ~~managing~~ management device and different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information;

then, following ~~the~~ connection of a the memory space containing the images and the selection information to the image management device; ~~the following steps of:~~

~~=obtaining~~ obtaining the selection information for the images ~~in~~ from the connected memory space; and

~~=managing~~ managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in the ~~said~~ at least one configured image management file; ~~and~~

- ~~managing the images in the second category using the information in the said at least one configured image management file.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A management method according to Claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising connection connecting to a memory space to the image management device ~~takes place by means of~~ by connecting an image processing apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) A management method according to Claim 3, ~~wherein the~~ image processing apparatus is able to further comprising, at the image processing apparatus, make making a selection of images and ~~to supply~~ supplying image selection information.

5. (Currently Amended) A management method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of configuring at least one image management file is performed on a device comprising a user interface, ~~distant~~ remote from the device connected to the memory space.

6. (Currently Amended) A management method according to Claim 1, further comprising ~~a step of~~ recognizing the apparatus connected or the memory space connected to the image management device before ~~the performance of the step of~~ obtaining the selection information.

7. (Currently Amended) A management method according to Claim 6, further comprising ~~a step of~~ selecting at least one configured management file corresponding to the connected apparatus or to the connected memory space.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the image management ~~steps comprise~~ comprises ~~one or more steps of~~ applying a processing function to the images.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the step of applying the processing function includes the step of using a set of processing parameters associated with the function, ~~with each processing function, a set of parameters is associated, which is usable for the application of the function.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ applying a processing function comprises applying processing functions ~~are in the~~ a list consisting of image compression, anti red-eye processing, transfer via a messaging service, transfer over a communication network, printing, transcoding or a combination of the above functions.

12. (Currently Amended) An image management device comprising:

~~at~~ at least one connector means for connection to connecting at least one memory space to the image management device, which memory space containing contains images

and selection information ~~identifying selecting~~ images on the memory space in a first category, ~~non-selected~~ images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category;

~~=at~~ at least one memory space ~~belonging to the image managing device~~; different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

~~=means~~ a first manager for obtaining the selection information for the images from ~~in~~ the connected memory space; and

~~=means~~ a second manager for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file;

~~=means for managing the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.~~

13. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein said at least one memory space is included in or is insertable ~~can be inserted~~ in an image processing apparatus.

14. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein the connection to a memory space is made by means of further comprising an image processing apparatus that includes the memory space for connection to the connector.

15. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 14, wherein the image processing apparatus is operable ~~able~~ to make a selection of images and to supply ~~image~~ the selection information.

16. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 14, ~~comprising means for~~ configured to recognizing recognize an image processing apparatus or a memory space which is connected to it.

17. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein the ~~image management means are means~~ second manager is operable to for ~~applying~~ apply processing functions to the images.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 12, further comprising an image transcoding means transcoder.

23. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to Claim 12, ~~characterized in that it is~~ integrated in a printer.

24. (Currently Amended) A printer comprising:

~~=at~~ at least one connector means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying ~~selecting~~ images on the memory space in a first category, non-selected images on the memory space being images in a second category;

~~=at~~ at least one memory space ~~belonging to the printer~~, different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

a first manager ~~=means~~ for obtaining the selection information for the images in the connected memory space; and

~~=means~~ a second manager for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file; ~~and~~

~~=means for managing the images in the second category using the information in said at least one configured image management file.~~

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program ~~stored on an information carrier~~, said program comprising instructions for implementing an the image management method ~~according to Claim 1 when it is loaded in and executed by a computer system~~ on an image management device comprising at least one connector for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category, the method comprising:

configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to management of the images in the second category, and saving the image management file in a memory space belonging to the image management device and different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information;

then, following connection of the memory space containing the images and the selection information to the image management device;

obtaining selection information for the images from the connected memory space;
and

managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in the at least one configured image management file.

27. (New) An image management device according to claim 12,
wherein a plurality of processing apparatus and/or memory cards are registered with the image management device, and

wherein the image management device comprises at least one management file corresponding to each processing apparatus or memory card registered with the device.

28. (New) A method of managing images on an image management device comprising at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category, the method comprising:

configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to management of the images in the second category, and saving the image management file in a memory space belonging to the image management device and different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information;

then, following connection of the memory space containing the images and the selection information to the image management device:

obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

managing the images in the first category and images in the second category according to the information in the at least one configured image management file.

29. (New) An image management device comprising:

at least one means for connecting at least one memory space to the image management device, which memory space contains images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category;

at least one memory space, different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

means for obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

means for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.

30. (New) A printer comprising:

at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, non-selected images on the memory space being images in a second category;

at least one memory space, different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

means for obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

means for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.